

Minutes of the ICT Co - ordination meeting 23.01.2007

*10.30 a.m. in Hotel Sea Horse ,
Nagapattinam.*

Participants Present:

From NCRC:

1. Mr. A. Sebastian,
2. Mr. A. Mohankumar,
3. Mr. Y. Arulpathinathan,
4. Mr. E. Palani,
5. Mr. A. Jamal,
6. Mr. R. Sambath Kumar,
7. Mr. R. Sathish Kumar,
8. Mr. T. Ramachandran,
9. Mr. K. M. ARumugam,
10. Mr. V. Dharmalingam,
11. Ms. K. Priya,
12. Ms. T. Sarathambal,
13. Ms. G. Devi,
14. Ms. T. Usha,
15. Ms. N. Devi,
16. Ms. R. B. Ekambari,
17. Ms. B. Subamangalam,
18. Ms. Archana,
19. Ms. K. Selvamani,

Dhan Foundation:

20. Ms. K. Amina Bibi,
21. Ms. N. Bhuvaneswari,
22. Mr. S. Hajanajumudheen,
23. Ms P. Saraswathi,
24. Ms G. Bhuvaneswari,
25. Ms S. Sathya,
26. Mr M. Jeyakanthan,
27. Mr K. Manavalan,
28. Ms S. Arularasi,
29. Ms S. Tamilselvi,
30. Ms V. Thamaraiselvi,
31. Ms B. Saritha,
32. Ms .K. Malathi,

From MSSRF:

33. Mr. P. Muhil Nizhavan,
34. Ms. S. Velvizhi,
35. Mr. M. Jeevanantham.,

Volunteers:

36. A. Elakiya,
37. R. Meenakshi,
38. K. Malar,
39. T. S. Rajendran.

The Session started with words of warm welcome offered by Mr. Sebastian, Programme Co-ordinator, VFU – NCRC. After that Self introduction, a special introductory was conducted wherein each and everyone got introduced with other participants..

Then Mr. Sebastian explained the activities of NCRC and its Village Information Centers.

CLUSTER DIVISIONS

Vedaranyam Kodiakarai Pushpavanam Vettaikaraniruppu	}	Vedaranyam
Velankanni Nagapattinam	}	Nagapattinam
Tharangambadi Akkurmukkuttu	}	Sembanar
Thiruvengadu Dharmakulam	}	Sirkazhi
Thirumulaivasal Pudupattinam	}	Kollidam

The achievements were listed down after the formation o clusters.

IEC's dissemination:

- The technical linkage, transformation of a particular information is extremely high. So it was really helpful in disseminating the Tsunami related information throughout the District
- RTI- Right to information act. (Posters and notices, conducted RTI camps.)
- On Panchayats election awareness. (Posters and notices)
- Chikunkuniya disease control messages were printed and disseminated to the people on right time and Clusters have played a major role in controlling the diseases..
- ADB Schemes awareness spread and few other guidance's related to proposal writing also done. .

Distribution of GO's.

- Students fees reimbursement GO's- 127,248
(Through posters)

Networking:

- Conducting NGO's Network meeting at all clusters basically this meeting are being conducted o ensure the effective functioning of all NGOs who are working at the same area of operation. This also an vital platform for all the NGOs to take part and resolve the long pending issues in the same area of functioning with the NGO at the same area..
- Inter - Cluster learning's initiated.
- Combined NGO Co-ordination meetings.
- Organized meetings with other sectors at NCRC level.
- Telephonic conference with Community participation.

Data collected and reconciled on

- Exclusions/ ineligibility in Permanent shelter-Beneficiary list verification.
- Orphanages/orphan Children's.
- NGO activities cluster wise – snapshot.
- Women headed families.
- Fortnightly updates.
- Issues identification cluster wise &follow - up.

Roles in General:

1. Rapport with local bodies, NGOs, Gov't, Community.
2. Identification of community and individual issues.
3. Facilitating development activities & local solutions to the issues.
4. Ensuring coordination.
5. Motivating community participation.
6. Keeping tracking over rehabilitation process.
7. Documentation, systemic documentation and knowledge sharing.
8. Responding to changing community needs-vulnerable community needs are to be Identified.
9. Decentralized quick decision making.
10. Future disaster management centre,
11. Cluster function as a cluster as a catalyst for change,
12. Dissemination of information to the community.
13. Capacity building for all.

During this presentation Mr. Mukilnilavan, Program Associate, MSSRF raised a question about day to day activity of Village Information Centres. Responding this, Ms. Priya, Team Leader from Sembanarkoil Cluster presented the activities in detail.

Following to this Mr. Sebastian precluded the presentation session to **Ms. Velvizhi, Programme Associate**, MSSRF. The following points were explained.

- Establishment of MSSRF.
- Area Focused (Coastal System Research, Village Knowledge Centre, NVA – National Virtual Academy)
- NVAs operation system - Content , Connectivity, Capacity, Co-ordination and Evaluation (138 fellows from 15 states – 155 fellows from 15 states)
- National level Hubs , State level Hubs & Block level Hubs
- VRC (Village Resource Centers)
- VKC (Village Knowledge Centers)
- Need Based information - Training
- Capacity Building through resource persons , individuals and Research Institution. Regular program - Microsoft unlimited potential program, Adult literacy program.
- Community News Paper (Namma Oru Seythi)
- Boundary Partners and Strategic Partners
- Video Conferencing
 - Alternative Livelihood
 - Agriculture crop insurance, pest and disease, Consultation with the eminent resource persons, interaction with the farmers.
 - Training Programmes
- Public Addressing System - Akkarapettai

At the end of the presentation, participants raised their doubts regarding the content sharing. Responding to this, Ms. Velvizhi explained that there are contents available at the MSSRF with MoU already signed with software companies which may not be easily accessed by other organization. But she assured that the common addresses for communication and contact details would be made open here after for others to initiate the software installation process at needed VICs. And MSSRF has assured to provide all the information's & contents(without MoU) to all participants..

After that the presentation session was taken by *Ms. Amina Bibi, Dhan foundation*. She explained the activities of **DHAN** in detailed manner. The following points were enlightened.

- SHGs- Kalanchiyam
- Vayalagam
- Thagavalagam

- Function of Village Information Centers
- Availability in VICs and functions.
 - Education Kiosk
 - e- School
 - Library
 - Entertainment
 - e-governance
 - Communication
 - Adult Literacy Programme
 - Recharging Mobiles
 - Public addressing System
 - Agriculture – Remote consultation – Video conferencing interaction with farmers of different villages and Resource from Agriculture university - ICT enhances Agriculture development
 - Veterinary extension service
 - Health and eye care
 - Arvind Eye hospital – online video conferencing
 - BMI is calculated and recorded for health monitoring in every village
 - Joyful learning through CDs
 - e - Print
 - Job work getting from Panchayat office, VAO office, School Question paper preparation
 - Video lessons from Tamilnadu Veterinary Sciences.
 - Rabbit Rearing
 - Poultry farming
 - Sheep & Goat Rearing
 - Dairy Management
 - Pigeon Rearining
 - Training for Fishermen about GPS

After the presentation session and lunch, a Group discussion started. Participants were divided into four groups and two questions were given for their group discussion. The question are as follows;

- *Which are the important information required from VIC's for the community (as on today status)*
- *Which are the important information needed from one VIC to other Village information centers within covering area?*

After that discussion, each group presented their views and ideas.
The presentation covered various points to the questions put forth for discussion

Which are the important information required from VIC's for the community (as on today status)

- Information related to disasters, Tsunami (specially)
- Information related to the fishing possibilities, where and from which distances fishermen could get fishes.
- Information related to schemes of Govt (widow and handicapped and elders)
- Job information
- Information of market palaces to market the products(Agri)
- Information related to the loan schemes.
- Information of SHG formation and functioning.
- Agri- natural manure.
- CBDM – Training to the community.
- HIV/AIDS –information.
- Information related to higher education.
- Child right information. GPS, Diesel mechanism training.
- Information related to wind and climatic conditions.
- Rates of fishes and Nets. Information related to daily news .
- Govt schemes and information. Right based information.
- Information related to permanent Shelter information.
- Livelihoods information and locations .Information related to the loan schemes.
- Information related to higher education. Information related to marketing linkages between villages.
- Passport, VISA ,Result, Ticket reservations – info.
- Telephone information of important officials in the area.
- Information related to Govt, Non-Govt schemes .Basic medicine, community medicine information. Basic information related to villages in the coverage area.
- Information and consultation with the specialists in different field of expertise.
- VIC- information. Information related to livelihood.
- Early warning system details GO's & welfare schemes details.
- Basic information related to permanent shelter.
- Employment opportunity- career guidance Info- on educational loans and other schemes.
- Marketing details. Capacity building and entrepreneur development program.
- Resource materials on various field.

Which are the important information needed from one VIC to other Village information centers within covering area?

Overall points are marked here as high light and each team has contributed to the core for future collaboration.

- GO details.
- Technology updating -related to New technologies..
- Cross organizational meet(exposure)
- Capacity building.
- Content development information sharing (sharing of information from one VIC to the other VICs of other organization.).
- Trainings in a joint ,organized manner,
- Having regular monthly meetings or bi- monthly meetings.

- Information sharing between the organizations in local level.
- Organizing special meetings with Experts from ICT-Wing.
- Developing Joint content development.
- Sharing of contents in a specific manner and try to link up for the useful information sharing.

Then the participants expressed the feelings related to this particular meeting
The expression of the members is given below.

- Has given a good chance for new contacts, Experiences and clear information about others. Came to know about the activities of other knowledge centers
- Introduction of New associations with other ICT centers.
- More Learning in interacting with all the participants.
- Strengthened the Information and Knowledge network with across the organizations.
- Forming Co-ordination for the welfare of public.
- Bring out Constant development to the community
- Mutual exchange between the information Centers

According all members suggestion the following points were raised unanimously.

To form a working group consisting of 3 members (one from NCRC, one from Dhan Foundation , one from MSSRF) for conducting future sharing& planning meetings. (*This working group will take-up activities related to future collaboration of all the key players in the ICT field ,inform ,organize and develop strategies for effective functioning of VICs. It will also develop equal participation of all players in ICT field)*

Developing a regular program planning for all ICT players in Nagapattinam district level. (*This will ensure sharing of information related to update and also new initiatives coming up across ICT functionaries in the district level and will be a meaning full collaboration for bridging the state level experiences of each players*)

It was insisted by the participants that the minutes of the meeting has to be sent to all the Directors of the organizations to get their suggestions for the betterment of the ICT functions at the district level.

Then the meeting came to an end with the word of thanks offered by Mr. Sebastian.

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